



REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2828
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: MODULAR, HIGH ENERGY, WIDELY-TUNABLE ULTRAFAST FIBER SOURCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, please reconsider the rejection of claims 59 and 60 in view of the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-60 and 62-74 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 30-57 and 62-74 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 4-29 and 58. Claims 59 and 60 presently stand rejected.

Specifically, claims 59 and 60 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fermann et al. (USP 5,880,877).